



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

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National Reconciliation Week - City of Hobart and Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre promote understanding of the State's Aboriginal history

As part of National Reconciliation Week, the City of Hobart has partnered with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to hold an event marking 50 years since the historic referendum of 1967 that saw constitutional change for Aborigines and 25 years since the Mabo decision changed the law of Australia.

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey said: "The City is very proud to have partnered with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in improving our shared understanding of our past".

"National Reconciliation Week this year is even more significant, because it also commemorates 25 years since the historic Mabo land rights decision," said the Lord Mayor.

"The meeting together of City of Hobart Aldermen and staff with members of the Aboriginal community is another important step in promoting mutual understanding of our city and provides us with a wonderful engagement and learning opportunity.

"Not only does it help provide a deeper understanding, it will support the Council to continue to strengthen its relationships with the Aboriginal community and for the Council and the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to build on their existing relationship".

"We also plan to extend this learning beyond National Reconciliation Week with Aldermen and Council staff undertaking cultural awareness training," said Ald Hickey.

Funding for the event was provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet through their National Reconciliation Week 2017 grant program.

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Media Opportunities:

The event will commence at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre at 2pm today at 60 Patrick Street, Hobart and finish with an Official Welcome Ceremony hosted by the Lord Mayor at the Hobart Town Hall commencing at 3.15pm.

The reception will include a performance by local Aboriginal performers Kartayna Maynard, Jodie Haines and Jude Read.

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